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RE: BRUCE DWAIN ATHERTON, BPR #14053
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February 3, 2010

LAWYER DISBARRED

On January 15, 2010, Bruce Dwain Atherton, of Louisville, Kentucky, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Bruce Dwain Atherton delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an affidavit consenting to disbarment because he could not successfully defend himself on charges filed against him with the Board alleging that Mr. Atherton had pled guilty to a felony.

Bruce Dwain Atherton must comply with the requirements of Section 19 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by further Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Atherton must further comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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JAN 15 2010

IN RE: BRUCE DWAIN ATHERTON, BPR #01405
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Louisville, KY)

Clerk of the Courts

NO. M2010-00119-SG-BPR-RP

BOPR DOCKET NO. 2010-1876-0-SG(17)

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

This cause is before the Court upon the Affidavit of Bruce Dwain Atherton, of Louisville, Kentucky, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. Bruce Dwain Atherton is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

It appears to the Court that Bruce Dwain Atherton has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an Affidavit in compliance with Section 15.1 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Bruce Dwain Atherton has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself on the charges alleged in File No. 32608-2-SG filed against him. It is conceded that Bruce Dwain Atherton has violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Bruce Dwain Atherton is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee.
2. This Order of Disbarment shall be a matter of public record.
3. The affidavit filed by Bruce Dwain Atherton shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Section 18.5 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.
5. Bruce Dwain Atherton shall comply with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as established in Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

5. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$144.00 within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
6. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original
Order Disbarment
filed in the cause.

This 15 day of Dec. 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: *[Signature]* D.S.